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Three dead, two hurt in Wilmington courthouse shooting

WILMINGTON, DEL. A few hours before Vice President Joe Biden held a roundtable discussion regarding gun control at Girard College, three people were shot and killed and two officers injured inside a courtroom lobby 40 miles away in Biden's home state of Delaware.

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▶ New Castle County Courthouse

The gunmen, Thomas Matusiewicz, allegedly aimed for and killed his former daughter-in-law, Christine Belford, who was in a bitter custody fight with his son, David, according to The News Journal of Wilmington. Matusiewicz allegedly killed Belford and another woman as the two waited to pass through metal detectors in the lobby of the New Castle County Courthouse in Wilmington around 8 a.m. yesterday. Two Capitol Police officers were also shot and injured before police fatally shot Matusiewicz. Belford and Matusiewicz's son David were in the midst of a custody battle for the couple's three daughters. David was recently released from prison after he kidnapped his three young daughters in 2007 and whisked them away on an 18-month journey through four countries. METRO/TR

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According to a new report from the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Philadelphia School District threw 12 properties on the market and sold six, with prices ranging from $1 million to $6 million in 2012. In March, more may be added to the list after the School Reform Commission votes on Superintendent William R. Hite Jr.'s proposal to shutter 37 buildings, which represents nearly 15 percent of the city's district-run schools. METRO/TR

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In the news

Police search for man who robbed bank

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. Police and the FBI are looking for the man responsible for Saturday's robbery of the PNC Bank at 3244 North Broad St.

Police said a thin black male in his early- to mid-30s wearing a brown knit cap entered the bank, gave a demand note to the teller and then fled with an undisclosed amount of cash heading toward the 1500 block of Westmoreland Street.

He is described as wearing a brown jacket, blue jeans and black shoes. He is approximately 5-foot-9. METRO/TR

New beer says F.U. to Sandy

Flying Fish Brewing Company will officially debut Forever Unloved (F.U.) Sandy, a hybrid wheat-pale ale, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to New Jersey victims of superstorm Sandy on Saturday.

More than 75 restaurants, bars and retail stores throughout New Jersey and Philadelphia have purchased the brew and many will be serving and tapping F.U. Sandy this weekend.

Sales of the beer will generate approximately $45,000, which will be awarded to select grassroots charitable organizations dedicated to Sandy relief. METRO/TR

Architect lays out plans for North Broad casino

Proposal includes hotel, restaurants, shops, European-style village spanning across rooftops Hailed as 'big, big complex'

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Architect Paul Steelman discusses plans for the Provence Casino and Resort at the former Inquirer building yesterday.

Homage to history

Steelman said it's important to respect the building's storied history. Former publishing giant Walter Annenberg's office is being turned into an executive hotel suite. Steelman said creators have been throwing around dining space names paying homage to the paper, as well.

And the iconic tower and a globe light hanging in the lobby will remain untouched.

In advance of today's state gaming board hearings, where the six operators vying for Philadelphia's remaining casino license will for the first time present their plans, architect Paul Steelman yesterday laid out his vision for the former Inquirer building on North Broad Street.

The sprawling site was purchased by developer Bart Blatstein for conversion into The Provence Casino and Resort.

"Bart Blatstein doesn't have a vision to open [just] a casino," Steelman said. "He wanted to make a big, big entertainment complex."

Plans include a hotel, restaurants, shops and a European-style village spanning across multiple rooftops with a pool club, sky bar and theater space.

The gaming floor will be naturally lit by large windows and is on the third floor so visitors don't have to walk through the casino to patronize the complex's other offerings.

"This is stepping into something beautiful that makes you feel good," Steelman said.

Think big

Steelman was adamant that the proposed project is not a typical gaming spot. Unlike most resort casinos — in which the building is about three times the size of the gaming floor — The Provence will be about nine times as large. "Many times as casino designers, we're designing the building to take advantage of the casino for financial reasons," Steelman said. He called the plan's emphasis on nongaming activities "our gift to the city of Philadelphia." "All the casinos you're going to see [at the hearings] are designed to keep people in," Steelman said. "Our building communicates with the exterior and allows people to go onto the streets and flow into the neighborhoods. And when people flow into neighborhoods, what happens? Commerce happens."

▶ Here's an artist's rendering of the project.

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Rolling the dice

Steelman said that, if chosen for a license, Blatstein plans to have a series of public tours and in-depth conversations with neighbors so their input can play a part in the development.

As far as the team's chances at today's hearings, Steelman was confident. "I think our application is very strong, very good for the city ... and the state ... and a very good reuse of a historical building."

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Council wants businesses to chip in for city cameras

A City Council committee is calling on private businesses to help make Philadelphia's floundering surveillance camera system work.

The committee held a hearing yesterday in an attempt to sort out the state of the embattled citywide camera system, which officials have been attempting to put in place since 2007.

"As with many things in Philadelphia, the city didn't invest the money up front to get it done right," City Controller Alan Butkovitz said of the $14 million system, which has suffered technological and oversight setbacks and so far has delivered little return. "You can't piecemeal your way into a complicated system and expect the kind of results you want."

The meeting was inspired by a mid-January trip Council members took to Baltimore.

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▶ Surveillance cameras installed by private businesses are becoming increasingly important tools for law enforcement.

$14M

The cost of the Philadelphia's citywide surveillance camera system, which has suffered technological and oversight setbacks since it was put in place in 2007

"One of the most startling statistics we learned is that they were able to successfully reduce crime by 25 percent," Councilman Curtis Jones Jr. said. "That was through the use of not just technology, but triangulation between eyes on monitors, boots on the ground in the form of police officers and those cameras."

Baltimore has through its CitiWatch program tapped into 600 private and municipal cameras whose feeds are monitored in real time at a command center by analysts largely comprised of retired or off-duty police officers.

"In Baltimore, the use of a public-private partnership acted as an auxiliary to cameras," Council President Darrell Clarke said. "That's something we want to look at here."

He found at the hearing people willing to work to make that happen. Unlike Baltimore's program, Philly's doesn't allow police to directly tap into private camera feeds, but instead maps them so detectives know where to look when a crime occurs.

Irving said that idea was "roundly denied."

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In the news

▶ Lehrman

Obama to honor Temple University administrator

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. President Barack Obama has chosen Temple University's Patience Lehrman for one of the country's highest civilian honors.

Lehrman, national director of Students Helping in the Naturalization of Elders, was selected as one of 18 citizens to receive the 2012 Presidential Citizens Medal. The medal, which is considered the country's second-highest civilian honor, is given in recognition of exemplary service to the country and its citizens.

Lehrman, who immigrated to the United States from Cameroon in 1997, said that this honor is a reflection of the value immigrants represent to the country.

Obama will honor the 18 recipients at a White House ceremony on Friday. METRO/TR

'Pay what you wish' at Philly Museum of Art

FAIRMOUNT. In a valentine to the city, the Philadelphia Museum of Art is showing its love by offering "Pay What You Wish Wednesday Nights."

Starting Wednesday, the museum will take any donation citizens would like to offer from 5 to 8:45 p.m. to gain access to the galleries, tours, performances, sketching, storytelling, music and yoga available inside.

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Pope's abrupt resignation surprises Catholic Church

Pope Benedict XVI stunned the Roman Catholic Church, including his closest advisers, yesterday when he announced he would stand down in the first papal abdication in 700 years, saying he no longer has the mental and physical strength to run the church through a period of major crisis.

Church officials tried to relay a climate of calm confidence in the running of a 2,000-year-old institution, but the decision could lead to one of the most uncertain and unstable periods in centuries for a church besieged by scandal and defections.

Several popes in the past, including Benedict's predecessor John Paul, refrained from stepping down even when severely ill, precisely because of the confusion and division that could be caused by having an "ex-pope" and a reigning pope living at the same time. This could create a particularly difficult problem if the next pope is a progressive who influences such teachings as the ban on female priests and artificial birth control and its insistence on a celibate priesthood.

The Catholic Church has been rocked during Benedict's nearly eight-year papacy by child sexual abuse crises and Muslim anger after the pope compared Islam to violence. Jews were upset over rehabilitation of a Holocaust denier, and there was scandal over the leaking of the pope's private papers by his personal butler. REUTERS

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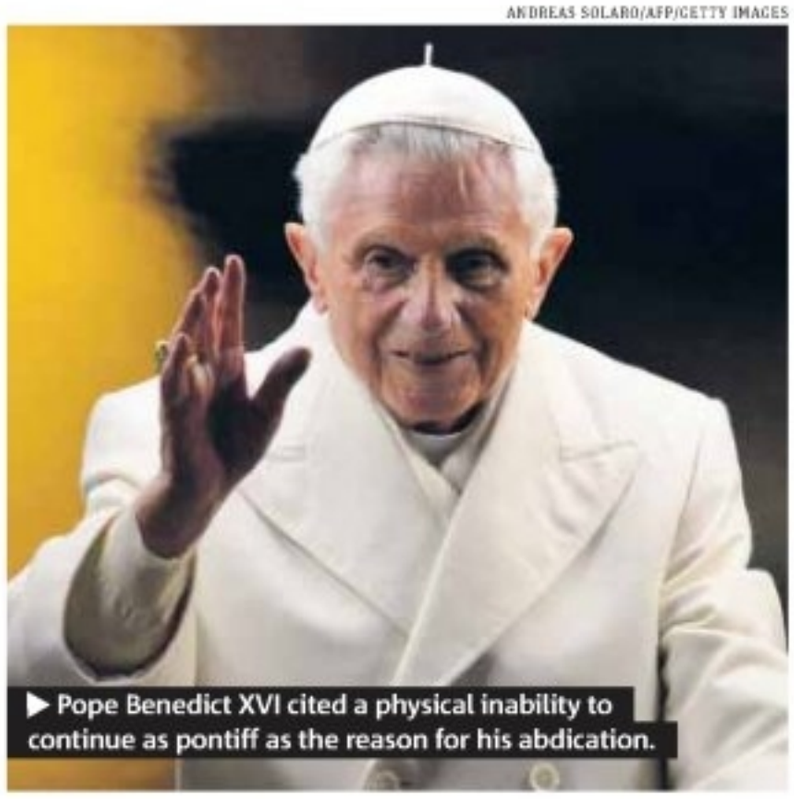

▶ Pope Benedict XVI cited a physical inability to continue as pontiff as the reason for his abdication.

"Both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months, has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me."

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The pope leads more than 1 billion Roman Catholics worldwide.

Speaking the church's language

Pope Benedict announced his historic decision to resign yesterday in an address to cardinals that he delivered in Latin, the ancient tongue whose use he has done much to encourage.

Pope Benedict, known for his traditionalist leanings, is the latest in a string of modern-day popes to encourage a revival of Latin, the language that gave rise to Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian and Romanian.

Last year he launched a new Vatican department to promote the study and use of Latin in the church and beyond. He has also allowed a partial return of the old-style Latin Mass that was phased out four decades ago.

He launched a Latin Twitter account this year, tweeting in the official language of the Catholic Church for the first time in January. REUTERS

In Latin

"Quapropter bene conscius ponderis huius actus plena libertate declaro me ministerio Episcopi Romae, Successoris Sancti Petri, mihi per manus Cardinalium die 19 aprilis MMV commissum renuntiare."

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▶ Arinze

Bookies waste no time on pope bets

British and Irish bookmakers ranked Nigeria's Cardinal Francis Arinze, Peter Turkson of Ghana and Canadian Marc Ouellet yesterday as favorites to lead the Roman Catholic Church, setting odds swiftly after Pope Benedict's shock resignation.

William Hill, Britain's largest bookmaker, offered odds of 3/1 against for Arinze, or a probability of 25 percent, while Ouellet and Turkson were priced at 7/2 against, meaning successful punters would win seven pounds for every two staked. **REUTERS**

Vatileaks could have played role in Benedict resignation

The "Vatileaks" scandal, which saw Pope Benedict's former butler leak confidential documents, left the pontiff "isolated and may have been a factor in his resignation," a Vatican observer said. Elena Curti, deputy editor of Catholic international weekly The Tablet, answers questions.

Has the resignation come as a shock?
The timing has been a surprise. While Benedict did indicate in the past that he would step aside if he felt he was unable to continue, the Catholic world has been astonished by this news. As the years went by, the pope did grow weaker both physically and mentally. But the Vatileaks scandal, which saw Benedict's ex-butler Paolo Gabriele steal thousands of Vatican documents, some of which alleged corruption within the church, might have been a factor in his resignation. Knowing that one of his closest aides had betrayed him must have left him very isolated and powerless. The pope must have felt that power was slipping away from him, his power to govern.

▶ Some speculate the pope felt isolated after the "Vatileaks" scandal.

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Do you think Benedict is aware of the cataclysmic effect his resignation has left?
I think his move was quite characteristic of Benedict. He has always been bold in his decision-making. He brought back the old Latin Mass and set up the Ordinariate ... for former Anglicans.

Who can replace him?
The field is wide open. However, in normal circumstances, the pope dies and the church has more time to reflect, organize the papal conclave and start the debate for a successor. Now there is much less time for that. It will be very difficult to predict who will be the next leader.

The church faces many challenges, following sex abuse scandals and numbers dropping. What direction will it take?
The church can either work towards a smaller yet purer church or continue its policy of spreading the gospel. I believe the new pope will do both. There is much talk of the falling numbers of churchgoers in the Western world, but elsewhere in the world, particularly in Africa, the numbers are growing very, very rapidly. This could be a shift away from a European-centric church.

Anthony Johnston
METRO WORLD NEWS

Rome reacts

"What Benedict XVI did was an act of ... responsibility. When the forces are not at the end of the labors, you have to have the humility and the courage to stop."

CESARE RIGHI, 74, PROFESSOR, ROME

"I think Benedict was isolated, his entourage did not give adequate support in his many moments of crisis."

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Talking it out in higher education

College faculties and administrations each have very different perspectives Looking for common ground and progress

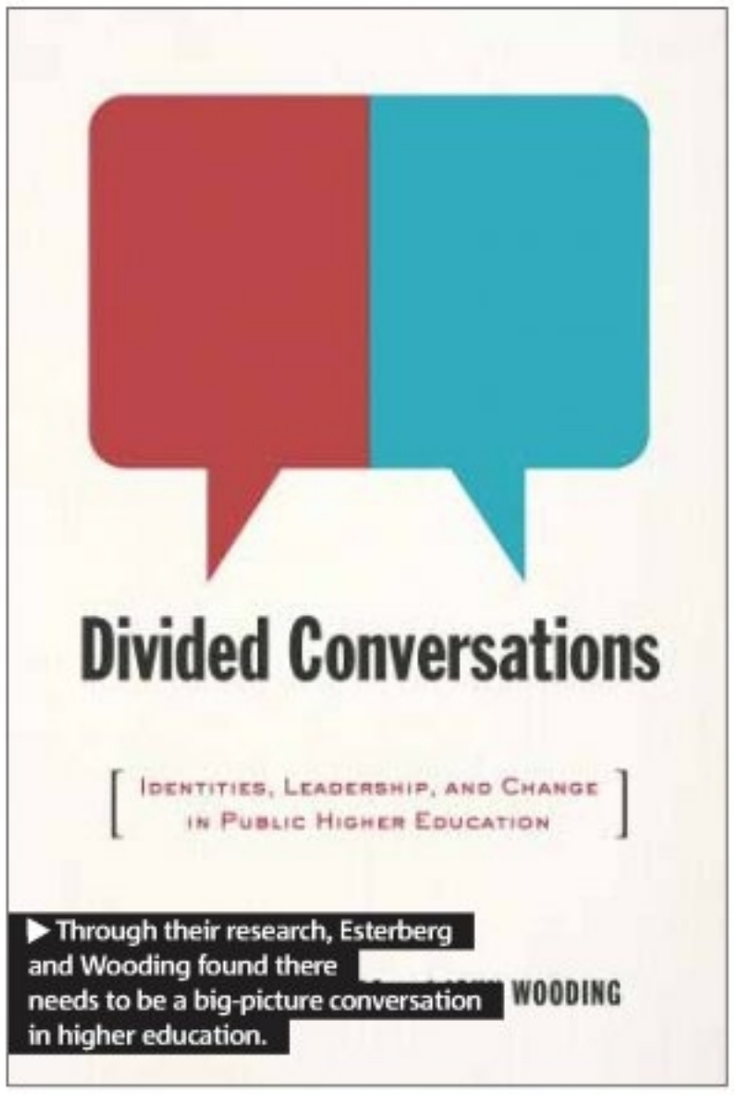
Former University of Massachusetts Lowell administrators Kristin G. Esterberg and John Wooding know their way around a classroom.

They each spent years on faculty before taking leadership positions, and Wooding has recently returned to the faculty at UMass Lowell. Frustrated by the disconnects on either side of the faculty-administration divide, the pair embarked on an ambitious study.

They conducted extensive interviews on eight public university campuses, delving into the concerns and mythology on either side.

The result — "Divided Conversations: Identities, Leadership and Change in Public Higher Education" — will be released this week by Vanderbilt University Press.

"Administrators often spend a lot of time dealing with a small number of the most difficult faculty issues," Esterberg says, adding that those small problems can make it hard to focus on the faculty's positive work.



▶ Through their research, Esterberg and Wooding found there needs to be a big-picture conversation in higher education. WOODING

"Whether they know it or not, faculty and administrators are both deeply concerned about the students." ESTERBERG

As public dollars dwindle, the authors found a growing pique to arguments between faculty and leadership.

They also looked to find common ground, like the desire for state-funded public education.

"Whether they know it or not, faculty and administrators are both deeply concerned about the students. But we're going to have to start traveling across this border if we're going to serve them."

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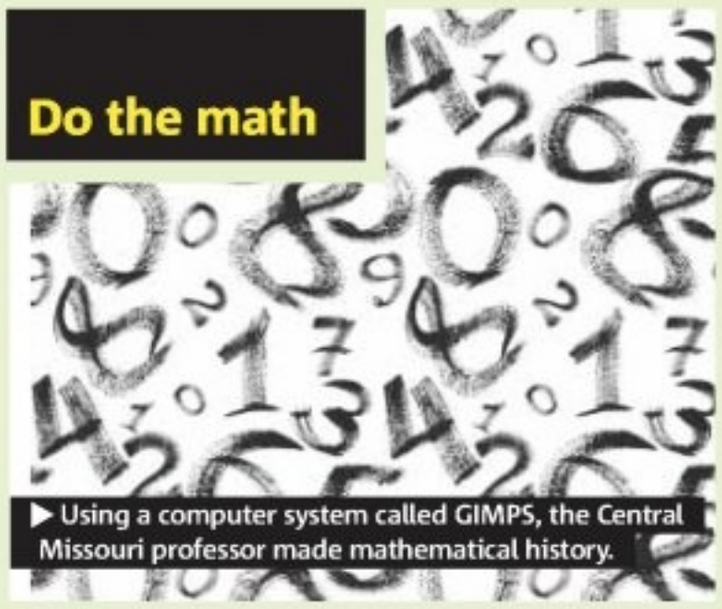
Do the math



▶ Using a computer system called GIMPS, the Central Missouri professor made mathematical history.

Professor discovers a prime number with over 17 million digits

After running 1,000 computers nonstop for 39 days to uncover the world's largest prime number yet, a Missouri college professor says he is starting all over to top his own record.

"It's a never-ending job," says Curtis Cooper, a computer science professor at the University of Central Missouri.

Cooper says he has received calls and e-mails from around the world after Wednesday's announcement that he found the prime number — which is a number that can only be divided by itself and 1. Prime numbers include 2, 3, 5, 7 and on up to the giant figure Cooper and his computers discovered, which has 17,425,170 digits.

The new number is 2 multiplied by itself 57,885,161 times, minus 1. A campus computer found the number on Jan. 25, but it had to be verified by the prime number locator project known as GIMPS — the Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search.

"Mersenne" refers to the rarest prime numbers, only 48 in all, that have ever been discovered. GIMPS has discovered the last 14 of them.

Working with the GIMPS system, Cooper and Central Missouri chemistry professor Steven Boone discovered two earlier record prime numbers, in 2005 and 2006. Their newest number is the largest discovered since 2008, at the University of California, Los Angeles. It beat the UCLA number by some 5 million digits.

Cooper says prime numbers are mostly of interest to mathematicians, but the search has some practical uses. For one thing, it shows how computers can be used together on such a project, he says.

Prime numbers also have been used in Web applications to encrypt messages since they are so rare. Those numbers, though, have a mere 100 to 200 digits, according to Cooper. REUTERS

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Many students in Europe and abroad take a gap year to travel before going into the "real world," but in the U.S. that isn't as common. If traveling abroad is right for you, there is great deal of experience that can be gained. Best of all, the skills you learn will look great on a résumé when you return from your world tour.

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▶ Have so much more to talk about in your first "real world" job interview once you've seen a little bit of the world.

1 Independence
Sure, maybe you have a little experience taking care of your own place, but nothing screams independence quite like packing up and completely immersing yourself in a foreign land.

Even if you travel with friends, being abroad will give you a sense of independence because you must be totally self-reliant.

2 Adaptability
Being on your own in a new city means you need to be able to roll with the punches. Being able to think on the fly and make instant decisions is what builds character on the road. No matter how good your travel guide is, some things you just can't plan for. You need to be able to regroup after every curveball they serve you.

3 Meticulous planning
For some travelers, planning a route is a complete nightmare and many prefer the option of letting the wind decide where they end up. But even if your adventure will be decidedly boho, flying by the seat of your pants requires a lot of split-second decision making: six hours on a somewhat dangerous speed boat down the Mekong River in Laos or two days on a slow boat for half the price?

Being able to weigh your options and make an informed decision is exactly the kind of discretion hiring managers are looking for.

4 Initiative
It isn't always a cultural expectation to take time off between school and work to travel, so the decision to take that step shows great distinction of character. You don't follow the crowd and you make your own decisions — key traits of a leader. You are able to make things happen for yourself if you are committed to a concept, and qualities like that are definitely résumé-worthy.

5 Dedication
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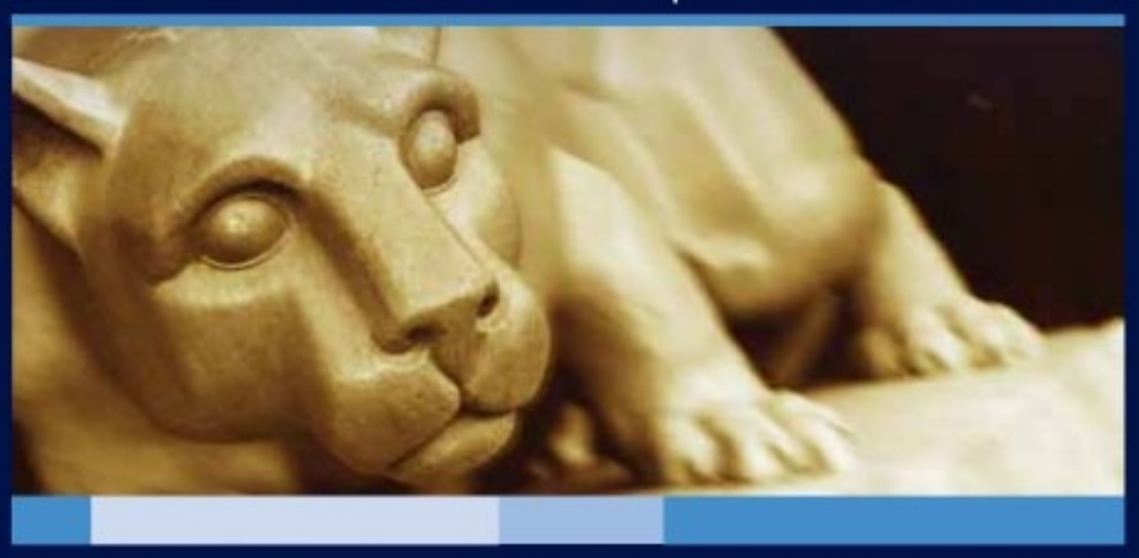

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Gossip from the Grammys

Sunday night was so big we're still talking about it Tuesday (sorry, pope).

The drama surrounds **Chris Brown**, of course, because it always does. Brown, who already rubbed most people the wrong way after refusing to give a standing ovation to **Frank Ocean** when he topped Brown for Best Urban Contemporary Album, partied hard at a Hollywood nightclub with **Rihanna**. TMZ was there to snap pictures of the two of them smoking what appears to be a joint (shocking!) and leaving the club around 3 in the morning.

Taylor Swift used her opening slot at the Grammys to offer a not-so-subtle dig at ex-boyfriend **Harry Styles**. Before a rousing chorus of "We are Never Ever Getting Back Together," Swift offered, "So he calls me up and he's like, 'I still love you,'" copping a British accent in an obvious nod to the One Direction member. "And I'm like, 'I'm sorry, I'm busy opening up the Grammys. And we're never getting back together. Like, ever.'" Burn!

Meanwhile, the ratings for the 2013 Grammy Awards were big, but not big enough to top 2012's numbers. Why? No dead pop icon. Last year's record audience came largely because the award show was held the day after **Whitney Houston**'s death. But still, this year's music-filled show delivered 28.4 million viewers.

Missing from Sunday night's party? **Justin Bieber**, who sat out the Grammys. Instead, the pop star decided to do a livestream Web chat with fans during the ceremony, but technical difficulties scuttled those plans. Bieber had decided to forgo the awards show after not receiving a single nomination.

Sugar. Ray?

▶ Hawke spoke at the "Before Midnight" press conference at the Berlin International Film Festival.

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Ethan Hawke: Frosted blond ambition

Yes, that is Ethan Hawke and not a member of Sugar Ray. The actor is sporting bleach-blond locks for a new role in the off-Broadway play "Clive." Although if the play were called "Chive" he could also be a double for Guy Fieri. METRO

Talking points

Ross speaks out on divorce

Liberty Ross is speaking out for the first time since filing for divorce from **Rupert Sanders** in the wake of his affair last summer with his "Snow White and the Huntsman" star, **Kristen Stewart**. Ross says that she is "keeping her head down" and "listening to her heart," she tells the Associated Press. Meanwhile, sources tell Us Weekly that Sanders' affair was simply the last straw in an already strained marriage. "She wasn't very happy, even before all this happened," a source says.

▶ Ross

Chastain, Lawrence still on good terms

Jessica Chastain doesn't appreciate the rumors out there that she and fellow Oscar nominee **Jennifer Lawrence** are feuding. "I find it very sad that media makes up bogus stories about women fighting in this industry," Chastain writes in a post to her Facebook page. "Why do we support the myth that women are competitive and cannot get along? I think all of the actresses recognized this year have given incredible performances. But more important, they've all shown themselves to be filled with generosity and kindness."

Jolie pops up in LA, which freaks everyone out

Angelina Jolie has kept a fairly low profile lately, sticking around London with her family while she filmed her upcoming "Maleficent" and **Brad Pitt** worked on "World War Z." But the busy mother of six made a surprise appearance in L.A. this weekend, presenting a lifetime achievement award to cinematographer **Dean Semler** at the American Society of Cinematographers Awards, according to Us Weekly. Semler shot Jolie's directorial debut, "In the Land of Blood and Honey."

The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Ricky Martin is surprised the pope is stepping down, Dana Delaney has her own theory about the pope, Alec Baldwin hasn't been enjoying the snow and Sarah Silverman has simple ambitions.

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The #Pope resigns? I didn't know that was even possible. Apparently, the last time a pope resigned was the year 1415 #IfYouRintrested

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Now that gays can marry, the Pope resigns. #metsomeone

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When I die my only wish will be to have a religion started based on me (like where I'm the star)& also my face on money

Sarah Silverman

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The look of love at the Grammys

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Looks like Ellen DeGeneres had a little something other the Grammys on her mind when she and wife Portia de Rossi found Katy Perry backstage.

Guess they're officially back on? Chris Brown and Rihanna hopefully had a better night at this year's Grammys than they did in 2009.

▶ Lena Dunham gave a smooch to her boyfriend, fun. guitarist Jack Antonoff, who picked up multiple Grammys Sunday night.

▶ Beyonce flashed that famous megawatt grin while hubby Jay-Z got a laugh.

▶ Who's hair looks prettier, Justin's or Jessica's? PS: Nice wedding ring, JT!

▶ We're so glad Kelly Clarkson is happy with new fiance Brandon Blackstock, though we will miss her angsty breakup anthems a bit.

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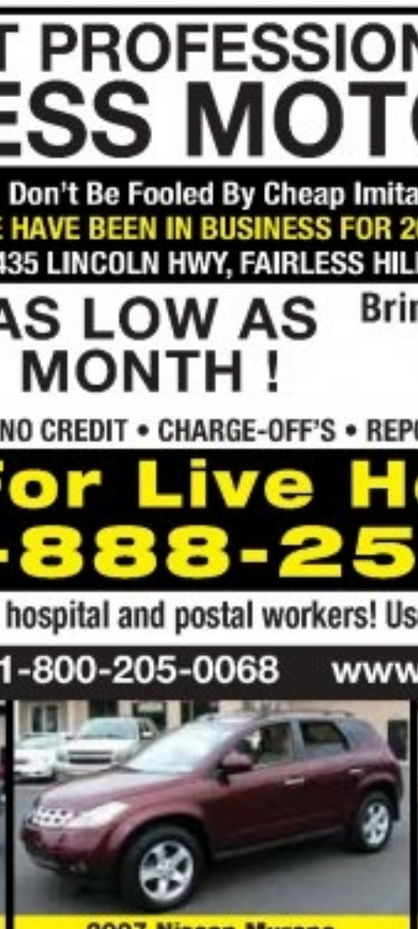
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WHEN IN ROME

A conserved Roman mosaic is now on display at the Penn Museum Curators call it a 'triumph of conservation'

PENN MUSEUM

Conservators work on the Lod Mosaic.

It's not entirely clear who once walked on the Lod Mosaic. The remarkable artwork, which was uncovered in 1996 by workmen widening a highway in Lod, Israel, depicts a fantastic menagerie: predators attacking prey, large fish surrounding ships at sea, exotic and even imaginary beasts. Excavators believe it to be the floor of a wealthy Roman who lived around the year 300.

The mosaic is now on display at the Penn Museum, its last stop in the U.S. before touring Europe and finally arriving at a newly built museum in Lod.

Jacob Fisch, executive director of the Friends of the Israel Antiquities Authority, describes the city as "a mixed Jewish-Arab city with some harsh economic issues." The new museum, Fisch says, "will contribute greatly to the economic survival and prosperity of the city."

For C. Brian Rose, curator-in-charge of the Penn Museum's Mediterranean section, the mosaic's discovery and exhibition is "really about the triumph of conservation. So much antiquity is being destroyed on a regular basis these days because of rampant development. The goal of conservation, ensuring there's a future for the past, is one we share with the Antiquities Authority."

The mosaic's arrival is also timely, according to museum director Julian Siggers, as 2013 has been declared the "Year of Italian Culture" in the States.

Siggers says, "This ancient Roman masterpiece is a wonderful testament to Italy's long and rich history of cultural influence and interchange worldwide."

If you go

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The 'Effects' of playing doctor

"Side Effects" brings actress Catherine Zeta-Jones and director Steven Soderbergh together for the third time, following "Traffic" and "Ocean's 12," and Zeta-Jones says he knows the secret to keeping actors coming back.

"He rubbed my feet when I was pregnant in 'Traffic.' That's the only reason why I keep coming back," she says with a laugh. "He looked after a pregnant woman so well, I just knew I'd always be in good hands."

Of course, it takes more than foot rubs to get Zeta-Jones interested in a project. Over the past few years, she has focused on her home life following husband Michael Douglas' battle with cancer.

"I love my job, but it takes me a lot to leave my kids, leave my husband and leave my dogs," she says. "I think that I'll never get these beautiful, formative, delicious years back, and it takes me great thought."

Quoted

"I never went to college, and I always wanted an M.D. after my name."
ZETA-JONES

There was one other element of "Side Effects" that had a can't-miss appeal for Zeta-Jones, and that was the chance to tackle playing an accomplished psychiatrist.

"I'm actually thrilled that Steven cast me as a doctor because I never went to college, and I always wanted an M.D. after my name," she says. "I'm really quite flattered that he fulfilled my mother's dream."

There are other gigs beckoning Zeta-Jones away from home, too. She just wrapped filming on "Red 2," the sequel to the 2010 action hit starring Bruce Willis and Helen Mirren, and she'll be onstage later this month at the Oscars for the award show's tribute to musicals from the past decade, including "Chicago," for which Zeta-Jones won an Oscar.

"I'm absolutely terrified. I don't quite know the exact capacity in which I will be [involved]," she says. "I'll be there, put it that way. I don't quite know what I'll be doing. That will be fun."

Ned Ehrbar
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"Side Effects," starring Catherine Zeta-Jones, is in theaters now.

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Her husband is kissing Matt Damon

Catherine Zeta-Jones' husband, Michael Douglas, is also reteaming with director Steven Soderbergh, taking on the role of Liberace in the HBO movie "Behind the Candelabra." The role calls for Douglas to lock lips onscreen with co-star Matt Damon, something Zeta-Jones says she's come to terms with.

"If my husband's going to kiss anybody else in the world, I'm so happy it's Matt Damon," she says. "Supposedly when Matt Damon was kissing Michael, he closed his eyes and pretended he was kissing me. He said that to Michael. Matt was closing his eyes and kissing Michael and pretending he was kissing me, and I just thought that was one of the biggest compliments I've ever had."

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TV watch list

State of the Union Address

POLITICS. It's like oratorical "connect the dots," but the dots are abstract nouns like "freedom," "liberty" and "opportunity." **9 p.m., ABC, NBC, CBS**

'Double Divas'

REALITY. This docu-series centers on a famous Atlanta lingerie boutique. We suspect the concept was born when some exasperated exec blurted, "people still like boobs, right? Let's run with that." **10 p.m., Lifetime**

'Starter Wives Confidential'

REALITY. TLC has a lock on the trashy voyeur demographic. Watch these jilted exes move on after splitting with celebrities. We're especially excited about Liza Morales, former flame of Lamar Odom. Does she have a bone to pick with Khloe Kardashian? **10 p.m., TLC**

'United States of Bacon'

REALITY. Every episode features a destination that includes a new spin on America's favorite cured meat. Tour the many lives of bacon with Chef Todd Fisher, and resent him for getting to taste what you can't. **9 p.m., Destination America** NATALIE SHURE

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Fashion week diary

Alexander Wang's downtown 'It' girl gets refined

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5:15 p.m.
I'm stuck in traffic trying to make it to **Alexander Wang**, which is in a new, far-out-of-the-way location all the way down on the southern most tip of Manhattan. The venue is five blocks away, and editors are jumping out of cabs in order to get to the show before it starts.

5:30 p.m.
Zoe Kravitz is sitting front row dancing to Brandy's "I Wanna Be Down," which is blasting from the speakers pre-show. The air is thick with expectation. This is Alexander Wang's first collection since the announcement of his move to Balenciaga. And though this show is for his eponymous line, the ghost of Cristobal Balenciaga (and frankly, Nicolas Ghesquiere) hangs over it like a cloud.

5:45 p.m.
His trademark ratchet hip hop soundtrack? Replaced by the theme song from "Rocky." The slouchy tees? All gone. As the models take their final walk, the archival Balenciaga references scream loud and clear — particularly from the curved back of his tops and jackets. Much like the fall collection he did last year, this is an outerwear show, filled with beautifully executed furry and leather oversized coats that look appealing in this glacial weather. But the work is even more grown-up. His trademark edgy sensibility is still there, just more refined. Surprisingly, it's the dressier fare that is the most memorable: A pair of black satin trousers with a built-in peplum worn with a white drapey tee slit at the shoulders is the kind of thing he should explore more in Paris.

8:15 p.m.
At **Altuzarra**, everyone seems perfectly pleased to see the basketball player Tyson Chandler. My seatmate, Lynn Yaeger, and I, meanwhile, are too busy admiring Jenna Lyon's impressively vertiginous heels.

8:30 p.m.
I've got one word for the Altuzarra collection: vampy. It looks as if he designed his striking fox fur coats and pencil skirt suits with Carine Roitfeld in mind: These are clothes for women who run things. But I'm not sure that even the tres-chic Roitfeld can pull off the exaggerated hips on his skirts, which seem to take things a step too far. Despite the hard-to-pull-off proportions, the mostly black-and-white collection is a strong step forward for the designer. Oh, and giant furry mittens seem to be trending. Altuzarra's have giant white and black fox paws. At Alexander Wang, the models wore ones in gray. **KENYA HUNT**

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Love that 'almost defies embarrassment'

Ron Currie Jr. on 'Flimsy Little Plastic Miracles,' epic themes and the things we hide from even the people who are closest to us Why the author hightails it to the Caribbean for motivation

In his previous acclaimed novels, Ron Currie Jr. deals with such topics as God on Earth (2007's "God Is Dead") and armageddon (2009's "Everything Matters!"). It's no surprise that his latest work, "Flimsy Little Plastic Miracles," takes on another epic theme: love, or as Currie puts it, "a certain kind of love."

Here, it is the obsessive, painful, almost mythic love between a reclusive writer (basically Currie with fantastical embellishments) and his high school sweetheart, Emma, who has come back amidst her divorce 20 years later. It's a love that is either too intense — both in a mental way and in a "Fifty Shades" way — or not intense enough to sustain itself, depending on the day.

"This is an honest effort to dissect [love], to filet it,

to lay it open and display it in a way that almost defies embarrassment," says the 37-year-old author from his native Maine. "What I'm really interested in is all the parts of love that we hide from other people, even the people who are closest to us."

Presented in meticulously worded single-page thoughts that skip through different points in time before connecting together in one Vonnegut-esque mosaic of a story, Currie describes his own ruminations on love as the "literary equivalent of an AA meeting." It's a metaphor that doubly resonates with the day-drinking depression of the novel's protagonist as he languishes in the Caribbean, ruminates on the death of his father and even goes so far as to fake his own death (before watching himself become posthumously famous).

With trademark warmth and subtle humor, Currie makes grandiose themes eminently readable. "I'm guilty of taking on the big topics, almost compulsively. There is very little else that's worth writing about."

"I'm guilty of taking on the big topics," says Ron Currie Jr.

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Viva Vieques

For the past four winters, Currie has lived in Vieques, an island off of Puerto Rico. Much like the version of himself in "Flimsy Little Plastic Miracles," the novelist goes there to write and to escape the brutal Maine winters.

"It's sort of counterintuitive to think that going to the Caribbean is good for one's work ethic, but for me it is," says Currie of the small getaway where he finds the fortitude needed to beat the telltale doubts that come with writing a great novel. "It doesn't matter if you are Chekhov or Saul Bellow."

In the news

Canadian prime minister authors book on hockey

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, an avid hockey fan, has juggled running the Canadian government with 15-minute daily writing sessions to finish a book on the history of ice hockey.

His publisher said Thursday that the book, still untitled, about Canada's most popular sport will appear in bookstores in November. It draws on archives, hockey histories and old newspapers to paint a picture of hockey at the turn of the 20th century, Simon & Schuster said.

"Writing this book has taught me a lot about hockey and a great deal more about Canada. I hope all who read the book enjoy it as much as I enjoyed the experience of writing it," Harper said. REUTERS

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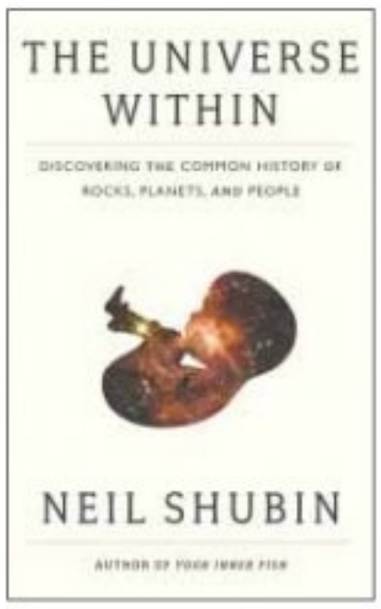
The universe and you

Popular science writer shows how events that formed our solar system billions of years ago are embedded inside all of us

It's a pretty safe bet that when Charles Darwin devised his theory of evolution, the planet Jupiter didn't factor into his thinking. But according to Neil Shubin's new book, "The Universe Within," the Earth's biggest sibling has played more of a role in our species' development than one might imagine.

"When you look at the chain of logic, each step looks perfectly obvious," says Shubin, who traces Jupiter's gravitational pull to the occasional ice ages that have strongly shaped humankind. "But when you look at the endpoints — that somehow, Jupiter is related to our own evolution — it sounds utterly bizarre."

Shubin, a paleontologist and geologist based at the University of Chicago, connects several such counterintuitive dots in "The Universe Within," which explores the unexpected links between our biology, our planet and even our universe. The book traces these stories through entertaining tales of discovery, from Shubin's own fossil digs in Greenland to a pair of scientists tossing frogs from a Chicago rooftop.



▶ Neil Shubin explores evolution in his latest book.

"Science, for the last few centuries, has removed our planet and our species from the center of things," Shubin says. "Copernicus showed that our planet isn't the center of the solar system, and Darwin showed that our species is just one branch on a huge tree of life. But at the same time, science has connected us in deep ways to other species, to the planet and to the solar system — and the plane beyond."

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If you go

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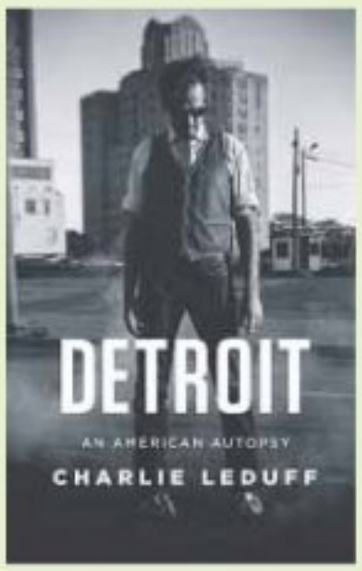
Review

'Detroit: An American Autopsy'

Reporting on city politics isn't supposed to include having a city councilwoman squeeze one's nether parts.

After a few pages of Charlie LeDuff's "Detroit: An American Autopsy," you get used to surprises. It's a hard-eyed look at some of the recent villains and victims of a city battered for half a century by political corruption, racial strife and industrial collapse. Even the light moments have a dark side.

LeDuff, a former New York Times reporter who was part of a team that won a Pulitzer Prize for a series about race, returned to his native town in March 2008 after a 20-year absence and took a job with the Detroit News.



Besides murder, Detroit claims downside superlatives for arson, poverty, unemployment, illiteracy, foreclosures, segregation and mayoral scandal, LeDuff writes. About 250,000 people fled the city in the first decade of this century. "Empty lots are returning to prairie and woodland as the city depopulates."

Helping the city achieve top marks in the wrong places is a colorful cast, including Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his byzantine tale of scandal and indictments; a smooth-skulled political operative named Adolph Mongo; and a "voluptuous" city councilwoman named Monica Conyers, the aforementioned fondler, who failed the bar exam four times and checks LeDuff's testicles to see if he's wearing a wire.

The story starts with a man frozen in ice at the bottom of an abandoned warehouse's elevator shaft. Only his shoes are sticking out. An observer's shocked reaction is: "I can't believe he's still got his shoes." **BLOOMBERG**

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Birth defects in multiples is on the rise, study shows

Compared to the births of singletons — or just one baby — the risk of birth defects was about 27 percent higher for multiples May be tied to IVF methods

The number of birth defects among multiple births such as twins and triplets increased nearly twofold in a score of European countries over a 24-year period, according to an international study.

Researchers writing in BJOG: An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology used data on more than 5.4 million births occurring between 1984 and 2007 to find that congenital defects rose from around six in every 10,000 multiple births to about 11 in every 10,000 multiples.

"The importance of knowing this is twofold," said senior author Helen Dolk, from the Centre for Maternal Fetal and Infant Research at the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland.

There has been a rise in defects among multiple births.

"First, to make sure we have appropriate services available for mothers and babies. The second is to understand the relationship," she added.

Dolk said she and her fellow researchers knew multiple births were on the rise and that those babies were at an increased risk for birth defects.

For the study, they looked at the trends in births in 14 European nations between 1984 and 2007. Of the 5.4 million births, the number of multiple births increased by about 50 percent over that time. Ultimately, 3 percent of the births were multiple births. Of the 148,359 major birth defects within those births, about 4 percent occurred in babies who were multiples.

Over the 24-year period, though, the number of birth defects among multiples about doubled, with a peal between the years 2000 and 2003 of some 12 birth defects per 10,000 multiple births. REUTERS

Quoted

"The fundamental message remains: The risks are low. Most babies are born healthy from multiple births or IVF, but there are a number of reasons why single embryo transfers is a better option than multiple embryo transfer."

HELEN DOLK, FROM THE CENTRE FOR MATERNAL FETAL AND INFANT RESEARCH

IVF to blame?

Some of the rise may be attributed to the increased use of in vitro fertilization which is known to come with an increased risk of anomalies. They wrote that people going through the IVF process might consider only transferring one embryo. While this might not cut down on the risk of birth defects, it could affect the pregnancy outcome.

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#2210-Luisa Cordova, #0102-Harold Hayes, #1505-Edward Bell, #1611-Janice Rollinson, #2526-Adele Lafferty, #2322-Qiana Jerry, #3210-Jeffrey Axilrod, #2820-Fred Cope III, #2815-Tara Peterson.

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1134 Lori Foster, # 1140 Crystal Tomlin, # 1246 Mark Wheeler, # 2217 Benjamin Johnson, # 2305 Carlton Norris, # 2420 Nicholas Ridley, # 2503 Ikea Martin, # 2507 Natashia Wilford, # 2720 Cyrus Prince, # 3008 Christina Lee Oliver, # 3106 Chaunte Dorsey, # 3117 Rejeana Perkins, # 3210 Leslie Moses, # 3216 Deborah Braxton, # 3412 Eric Garner, # 3515 Jacqueline Harper

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Must-do No. 1

Coral World Ocean Park

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The relative ease of getting to St. Thomas — hello, direct flights! — and the destination's exotic feel make it appealing for those families looking for something unconventional

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Must-do No. 2

Sunset sail with Heavenly Days

Hop aboard the 53-foot catamaran, known as Heavenly Days, for the popular sunset cruise. Kids will love watching sea planes land and take off, and parents will appreciate the nonstop drinks, poured by the friendly and knowledgeable crew. The three-hour tour takes you through beautiful Charlotte Amalie Harbor, with views of historical Hassel Island and Water Island.

Don't forget

The VI Ecotour

The patient guides from the Virgin Islands Ecotours give a little nature lesson while you kayak through St. Thomas' protected inner lagoon marine preserve. The kayaking is topped off with a scenic snorkel around the lagoon.

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Traveling with children is hard. The luggage! The airport! The cost! It routinely tests even the calmest of parents. But despite the difficulty, loading up the kids for a little break is a rite of family bonding. The family wish list: Somewhere fun for the kids, but relaxing enough for their stressed parents; somewhere unconventional, but where you don't need to go through tons of bureaucratic red tape to get around.

Check out the United States Virgin Islands, which proclaim they are "America's Caribbean." Comprising four islands, the USVI are a U.S. territory, meaning you can partake in wonders that scream international getaway (Caribbean seas, mountainous views, laid-back locals) while forgoing the hassles of visiting a different country (passports, currency exchange, your obsolete hair dryer plug). Their most popular island, St. Thomas, is great for families.

What to expect

St. Thomas is more than a port of call for various cruise ships, although that's certainly one of the island's main attractions: It's normal to see six or more ships docked in a day. Your family will enjoy watching the big boats come and go from the scenic Charlotte Amalie Harbor. The cruise traffic brings the good and the bad (the influx of people can tie up traffic and sidewalks) but the good news is that the

island has built a booming tourist infrastructure that can help when trying to explore the island with kids in tow. And the duty-free shopping in Charlotte Amalie is especially attractive to the some 20,000 people who swarm the island daily in high season.

Must-do No. 3

A day visit to St. John

Locals say that St. John is more "laid-back" than St. Thomas, which seems almost impossible, but it's true: The island is mainly comprised of a national park, lending it a more peaceful vibe. Learn more about the area's Danish history at the Annaberg Sugar Plantation Ruins, or take a family hike on some of the 22 trails of the Virgin Islands National Park. Public ferries are available, but many St. Thomas hotels offer private boat trips.

Getting around

In St. Thomas you drive on the lefthand side of the road — in an American car. And the roads are daring; there are steep switchbacks and sharp turns. Kids will eat this up; white-knuckled parents, not so much. But a car is necessary to get around and to visit the different beaches. Do some research to decide which is best. Want to snorkel? Try **Coki Point Beach**. Sunbathe? **Magens Bay** has white sand and calm waters. **Lindbergh Beach, Sapphire Beach** and **Magens Bay** are good for kids.

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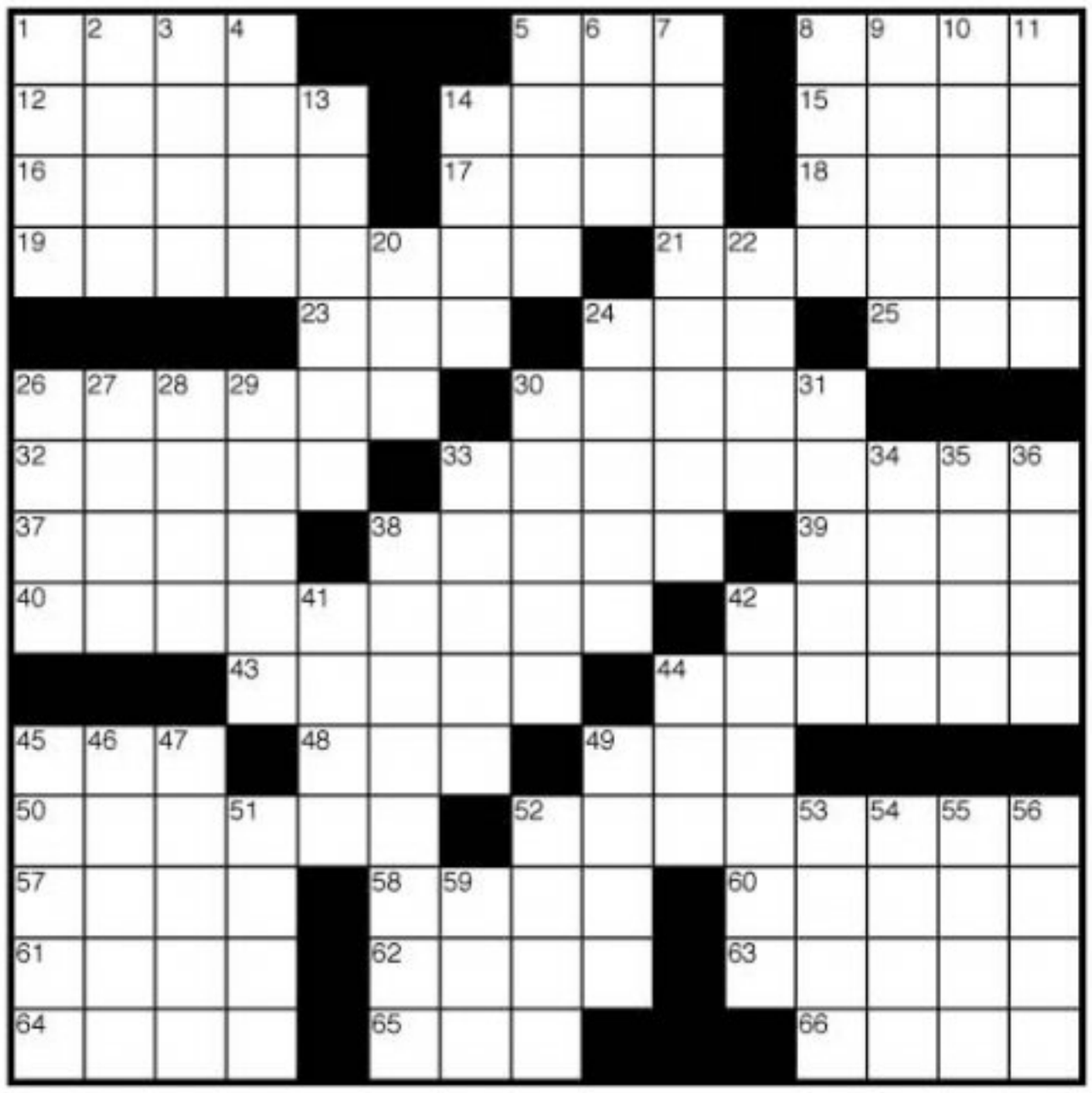

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Horoscope

Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Small factors could have more significance than usual in your commercial or financial dealings. All those pennies you save or make will really add up.

Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Even though you might not be aware of the weight that your words carry, your thoughts and suggestions will have a strong, constructive impact on persons with whom you're involved.

Aries **March 21-April 19.** Certain confidential information you become privy to can be used to everyone's advantage, especially yours. It behooves you to keep it to yourself for the time being.

Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Try to associate with friends whose views and opinions parallel yours. Valuable information can be exchanged through frank discussions.

Gemini **May 21-June 20.** You're likely to discover that if confronted by a challenge, you'll be able to work it out much quicker in front of an appreciative audience than you would alone.

Cancer **June 21-July 22.** It's important that you treat any team effort extremely seriously, whether it involves a sport or a business. Your opponents will be playing to winl.

Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** If you've been anxious to get the support of someone about a change that you'd like to make, this is the day to do it. Spell out all the details, even the unattractive ones.

Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** This could turn out to be a rather successful day — you'll not only have good ideas, you'll know how to implement them in ways that improve present conditions.

Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Small gains have a way of adding up, so don't get discouraged if the initial returns aren't up to your expectations. Consistency will prove to be more important in the long run.

Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** It isn't likely that spontaneous involvements will generate much pleasure for you. You're apt to find far more enjoyment in well-planned activities.

Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** A great deal of valuable information can be attained by observing how a successful friend handles his or her relationships. The techniques used by your pal can be tailored to fit you.

Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** If you decide to pay a surprise visit to an old friend whom you haven't seen in a long time, you'll be welcomed. Your pal will be glad for the opportunity to catch up.

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

Letters

Piles of snow can't bury kindness

As my wife and I prepared to depart for North Carolina, we were in the midst of digging out on Saturday from a 12-inch-plus snowfall when a complete stranger drove up to our driveway and asked if we needed help. Of course I said yes, and without a word he helped us shovel out. There are good individuals willing to help out, and this was yet another example. Thank you, sir.

HERB STARK, VIA E-MAIL

Debt reduction, strong economy not exclusive

RE: "PUT OUT THE FIRE BEFORE YOU REBUILD YOUR HOUSE" (METRO, FEB. 11) Letter writer Glenn Hayes is saying the same thing the GOP is saying and their intent is to prevent the passing on of debt. Hayes appears to be confused. The GOP strongly supports job creation and opportunity. Republicans do not want the unemployment rate to be 7.9 percent, which is actually higher when the ones who have given up hope are included.

PETER MOLLE, VIA E-MAIL

US: Rich in guns, poor in answers

I am so tired of reading about more and more shootings, of children, teachers, bus drivers and firefighters — firefighters who risk their lives to save people and who carry no weapons — of movie-goers, Congress people and more. There have been 1,000 people killed by guns since the horror of Newtown! And people think more guns are the answer. More guns will only lead to the morgue. We have hundreds of millions of guns, but not enough food to eat or books or homes or health care — or a clean enviroment.

SHIFRA FREEWOMAN, VIA E-MAIL

Winter warning: Ensure exhaust pipes are clear

Before you turn the key on in your car when you want to warm it up while you are facing digging it out, CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR EXHAUST PIPE IS FREE OF SNOW. Then turn the car on, go back and see if it is exhausting freely and if not, use a stick to clear the snow out of the pipe. That way you are ensuring that the carbon monoxide is not building up.

PATRICIA DASKO, VIA E-MAIL

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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Vick back, must compete for job in training camp

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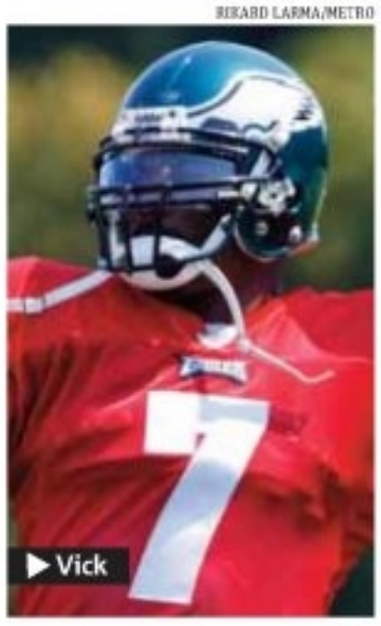

Mike Vick is returning to the Eagles. His role, however, is to be determined.

Vick re-structured his multimillion deal yesterday, trading it in for a one-year contract worth around $7 million with incentives that could push it to $10 million. He had been due $15.5 million in base salary.

"I am grateful and proud to be a Philadelphia Eagle," Vick tweeted yesterday. "My heart is in Philly and this community is important to me."

With the new deal comes uncertainty, too. Vick hasn't been promised the starting job. Instead, Chip Kelly is holding an open competition starting in training camp. The coach guaranteed that both Vick and second-year pro Nick Foles would get equal time running the first-team offense in practices.

"There is an open competition," Kelly said. "Michael knows that. Nick knows that. Nick knew every step of the way what we were doing. I wanted to make sure Nick was included in the plans, and I think both of them have outstanding qualities in terms of being quarterbacks in this league."

The Eagles also have the ability to trade or cut Vick before the season begins, if they decide the experiment just isn't working out. Kelly, known for his creative thinking, didn't rule anything out.

"We open up the season on Sept. 13 or whatever day we open the season on," Kelly said. "So I don't rule anything out, I don't rule anything in."

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CHIP KELLY NEEDS SOME ASSISTANCE

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▶ Davis is the most interesting (suspect?) name on Kelly's staff.

The honeymoon is not over yet between Eagles fans and Chip Kelly, but we are definitely having our first spat. The reason for this disagreement is simple. The coach's new staff of assistants is terrible.

Now, there's always a chance the former Oregon mastermind is proving once again that he's ahead of everybody else, the same way he redefined offense in college football. Visionaries have to embarrass their doubters before they get the respect they deserve.

A more likely scenario is that Kelly flubbed his first big test. It is impossible to spin positively the hiring of 21 assistants with no championship pedigree and a combined NFL record of 280-423-1. Kelly appears to have covered every possible contingency with this humongous new staff except for the most important one: winning.

At his news conference yesterday, Kelly flashed engaging wit and offered glib answers to some gentle questions, but his only real explanation for the composition of his staff was that they all fit his desire for "cutting-edge thinkers with an old-school attitude."

The hardest name to accept is Billy Davis, a veteran who has failed twice as defensive coordinator. His units in San Francisco and Arizona were ranked 32, 26, 20 and 29 overall, and yet he's won a third shot at it. Kelly's response to that record of failure was to roll out the old chestnut that coordinators get too much credit for success and too much blame for failure. Ugh.

In Kelly's overactive imagination, the Browns reunion of Davis with offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur, who just bombed as the head coach in Cleveland, is pure magic. Shurmur has no ego. He's single-minded about winning. Davis is versatile and smart. The only thing they have shown no knack for in the NFL is winning. Kelly is choosing to ignore that fact, apparently.

Kelly seems to not care about how his assistants have fared elsewhere, nor does he worry about how it looks to the rest of the football world. He knows what he wants, and he got it. Or so he believes.

But this may be the latest example of the fans knowing more than the coach, something we all got accustomed to at the end of the Andy Reid era. In a WIP poll last week, 82 percent said they hated the hiring of Davis. Normally, 82 percent of Eagles fans can't agree on the color of snow.

When Chip Kelly changed his mind and took the Eagles job last month, there were two main reasons for our jubilation. First, he wasn't Reid; in the minds of many fans, a two-headed sloth would have been an upgrade. And second, Kelly was an exciting, unknown quantity — not another retread from the NFL's old boy network.

No one was asking the most important question then. But now, after the hiring of these abysmal assistants, it deserves consideration: Does Chip Kelly have any idea about what he's doing?

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What it doesn't promise — and never could — is that Vick will find the good health and quick feet that distinguished the early part of his career. These days, every hit could be the last his brittle body can absorb, every throw proof that his decision-making hasn't gotten any better as his skills have eroded.

Why would Chip Kelly, who represents a fresh start for the Eagles, reach into the team's ugly past? At his news conference yesterday, the coach pointed out that Vick is actually younger than Eli Manning and Tony Romo, and that he is "a competitor."

Obviously, Kelly isn't enamored with Nick Foles, despite the coach's hollow praise. Foles may not have the mobility Kelly wants for his fast-paced offense, but Vick falls even shorter in what the coach said was his top priority in a QB — the ability to make quick and smart decisions.

The frustrating part for fans is that we are all too familiar with Vick's disappointing style. We know Vick talks a much better game than he is capable of playing. We know he is no longer worth the angst he still inspires in fans. And — above all — we know he is not the answer at quarterback for the Eagles in 2013.

ANGELO CATALDI

More idle thoughts

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